

84TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

S. J. RES. 1

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 6, 1955

Mr. BRICKER introduced the following joint resolution; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, relating to the legal effect of certain treaties and other international agreements.

1 *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled*
3 *(two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the*
4 following article is proposed as an amendment to the
5 Constitution of the United States, which shall be valid to
6 all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several
8 States:

9 "ARTICLE—

10 “SECTION 1. A provision of a treaty or other interna-

1 tional agreement which conflicts with this Constitution, or
2 which is not made in pursuance thereof, shall not be the
3 supreme law of the land nor be of any force or effect.

4 "SEC. 2. A treaty or other international agreement
5 shall become effective as internal law in the United States
6 only through legislation valid in the absence of international
7 agreement.

8 "SEC. 3. On the question of advising and consenting
9 to the ratification of a treaty, the vote shall be determined
10 by yeas and nays, and the names of the persons voting
11 for and against shall be entered on the Journal of the
12 Senate.

13 "SEC. 4. This article shall be inoperative unless it shall
14 have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution
15 by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States
16 within seven years from the date of its submission."

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